



Former Northwestern Barrel Superfund Site Status of Activities

South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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This fact sheet summarizes recent and future activities at the Former Northwestern Barrel site, located along Lake Michigan between Marina Road and the South Milwaukee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Work Inside the Fence

Recently Completed Activities

In the past six months, site workers have:

- √ excavated, stockpiled, sampled, and disposed of:
 - contaminated soil and debris from the northern lake bluff and beach area,
 - soils in the top 1 to 2 feet of the upland area,
 - portions of the former facility's building foundation, located by the west and northwest fence and the ravine;
- √ backfilled the bluff area to even out the slopes;
- √ collected several hundred soil samples in the upland area to determine if this area meets cleanup levels;
- √ sampled water and sediment from the stream in the ravine;
- √ monitored air at the fence line for total concentrations of vapors and dust;
- √ monitored air for specific chemical compounds during the handling of soils containing volatile organic compounds (solvents);
- √ moved several work trailers to the outside of the fence to allow for excavation of soil in those areas; and
- √ graded the upland area and bluff.

For more details, please consult the file labeled "U.S. EPA Pollution Reports" (yellow label) in the site information repository at the South Milwaukee Public Library (address on the reverse side).

Next Steps

Work inside the fence is nearly complete. Work left to be completed inside the existing fence includes:

- removing remaining stockpiles;
- planting grass seed to reduce erosion; and
- developing and carrying out a plan to collect soil and ground water samples on the entire Towne Realty property, to ensure that cleanup levels have been reached.

Work Outside the Fence

Site Property

In the upcoming weeks, contractors for the potentially responsible parties will be moving portions of the west and north fence. The fence will be moved to the property line between the Marina Cliffs condominium property and the Towne Realty property (Towne Realty owns the site property). Right now, the fence sits approximately 20 feet inside of the Towne Realty property, which provides residents additional space to walk around the buildings. The fence must be moved to the property line to allow workers to excavate contaminated soil and the former barrel factory foundation from the Towne Realty property.

During soil and foundation removal, workers will monitor the air for dust, vapors, and noise to ensure that levels remain safe. In addition, workers will monitor vibrations at nearby building foundations. After the soil and foundation are removed, which is expected to take several weeks, the area will be graded and seeded.

Residential Property

U.S. EPA and the potentially responsible parties continue to discuss plans for additional sampling in the residential areas.

For Additional Information

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